REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-4 and 8-10 are amended. No new matter is added.

The present amendment addresses each point of the rejections raised by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Preliminary Matters

The Examiner does not indicate whether the drawings, filed on March 31, 2004, have been accepted. Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the drawings are acceptable.

Claim Rejection

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goodman *et al.* (US 2006/0059253, hereinafter "Goodman"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

With regard to claim 1, the claim relates to a database server which selectively releases database system resources. Specifically, claim 1 recites that the specified application issues a commit when it is using an online protocol and one of the claimed defined error condition indicators is returned to the application.

Goodman does not teach or suggest the above-recited feature. Goodman relates to a netcentric computing system. Specifically, the computing system includes an execution architecture, which contains common, run-time services required when an application executes, a development architecture, which is a production environment for development projects, and an

operations architecture, which contains tools and services required to run a system efficiently.

Abstract.

Goodman is mainly concerned of setting up a complex netcentric computing system, only a small part of which is related to databases. The database transaction described in Goodman merely rolls back the transaction in the case of an update failure on any one resource, and commits the transaction when all resources for a transaction are updated successfully. Whereas, claim 1 requires more than merely committing or rolling back data. Claim 1 recites that the specified application <u>issues a commit when it is using the online protocol and one of the defined error condition indicators is returned to the application</u>. Goodman fails to teach or suggest the above feature of claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by Goodman.

In making the anticipation rejection of claim 1, the Examiner relies upon paragraphs 6, 9, 10, 15, 160-164, 195-198, 264, 421, 446, 447, 533, 535, 541-544, 552-554, 559, 590, 641-642, 669, and 670 of Goodman as disclosing the features of claim 1.

Applicant has carefully reviewed Goodman, including the cited portions of the reference, and has not found any disclosure that remotely resembles the limitation of claim 1 relating to issuing a commit, much less in as complete detail as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Goodman does not anticipate claim 1. If the Examiner maintains the rejection, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to specify the paragraphs in which Goodman discloses the feature "that the specified application issues a commit when it is using an online protocol and one of the claimed defined error condition indicators is returned to the application."
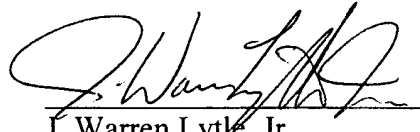
Claims 2-4 are patentable at least because of their dependency from claim 1. Claims 5-10 are patentable at least for reasons analogous to these provided above for claim 1 because claims 5-10 also require issuing a commit when using an online protocol and one of the claimed defined error condition indicators is returned to the application, similarly as requested in claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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